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METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0012] The present invention is directed to a mouthpiece to be used in association with nCPAP systems to prevent leakage from the mouth during nCPAP treatment. The mouthpiece is comprised of a thin flexible disk that fits between the user's lips and teeth and seals the mouth around the interior of the lips to prevent air from escaping. Preferably the disk is made of a

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